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1. In March 1949 all oil-producing territories in China were still held by the Nationalist Government, because they are almost all in Kansu Province, which is controlled by Nationalist General MA Pu-fang.
2. The Chinese Communists obtain their limited requirements of oil in two ways:
 - a. Exchange of North China products for Soviet oil, which is shipped to Chefoo, Shantung Province.
 - b. Widespread exchange with Nationalist territory of oil in individually small quantities, on a barter basis.
3. Oil in Communist areas is classified as an essential war product, and its distribution for purposes other than the war effort is very strictly controlled.

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